

# Senate Study Bill 3145

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION BILL BY  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a twenty=first century Iowa scholars program and  
2 fund to be administered by the college student aid commission,  
3 and requiring the commission to conduct a twenty=first century  
4 Iowa scholars program promotion and support study.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. TWENTY=FIRST CENTURY IOWA SCHOLARS PROGRAM  
2 2 PROMOTION AND SUPPORT STUDY. The college student aid  
1 3 commission shall conduct a study of the promotional and  
1 4 support components needed to make Iowa students who are  
1 5 potentially eligible for the twenty=first century Iowa  
1 6 scholars program aware of the program and enthusiastic about  
1 7 participating in the program. The commission shall also  
1 8 develop a plan to promote the program, provide information  
1 9 about the program and easy access to program forms and  
1 10 applications, and encourage participation in the program by  
1 11 potentially eligible students. The plan shall provide for a  
1 12 web page, special scholar publication, a toll=free telephone  
1 13 number, and the placement and utilization of up to fifteen  
1 14 regional program support sites. The regional support sites  
1 15 shall provide tutoring, mentoring, summer camps, cultural and  
1 16 arts outings, sports and recreational activities, college  
1 17 visits, career preparation, job shadowing, internships, study  
1 18 skills, literacy programs, newsletters, community service  
1 19 projects, and parent activities. The commission shall  
1 20 identify the amount anticipated to be necessary to provide  
1 21 funding for the scholarships, based on the results of the  
1 22 study and preliminary estimates of the number of eligible  
1 23 eighth grade pupils. The commission shall submit its plan,  
1 24 findings, recommendations, and a fiscal analysis of the plan  
1 25 to the senate and house of representatives standing committees  
1 26 on education not later than December 15, 2006.  
1 27 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.27 TWENTY=FIRST CENTURY IOWA  
1 28 SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND FUND.  
1 29 1. PROGRAM == ELIGIBILITY. A twenty=first century Iowa  
1 30 scholars program is established to be administered by the  
1 31 college student aid commission. A person who meets the  
1 32 following requirements is eligible for the program:  
1 33 a. Is a resident of Iowa and a citizen of the United  
1 34 States or a lawful permanent resident.  
1 35 b. Is a student enrolled in grade seven or grade eight in  
2 1 a school district or accredited nonpublic school in Iowa, and  
2 2 agrees in writing, on a document also signed by the student's  
2 3 parent or guardian, that the student will:  
2 4 (1) Graduate from a public or accredited nonpublic high  
2 5 school in Iowa whose curricula meets the admission criteria of  
2 6 a community college, an institution of higher learning under  
2 7 the control of the state board of regents, or an accredited  
2 8 private institution as defined in section 261.9.  
2 9 (2) Achieve a cumulative grade point average upon  
2 10 graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, or its  
2 11 equivalent if another grading scale is used, for courses taken  
2 12 by the student in grades nine through twelve.  
2 13 (3) Not illegally use controlled substances as defined in  
2 14 section 124.101.

2 15 (4) Not use tobacco products.  
2 16 (5) Not operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated as  
2 17 prohibited by section 321J.2 or 321J.2A.  
2 18 (6) Not commit a delinquent act as defined in section  
2 19 232.2; or become a runaway child as defined in section 710.8;  
2 20 or a truant, as defined in section 299.8.  
2 21 c. Is a child receiving foster care services paid for by  
2 22 the state under section 234.35 or funded in whole or in part  
2 23 under Title IV=E of the federal Social Security Act; or is a  
2 24 child eligible for free or reduced price meals under the  
2 25 federal National School Lunch Act and the federal Child  
2 26 Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. } 1751=1785.  
2 27 d. Applies in a timely manner for admission to a community  
2 28 college, an institution of higher learning under the control  
2 29 of the state board of regents, or an accredited private  
2 30 institution as defined in section 261.9 and is accepted for  
2 31 admission.  
2 32 e. Applies in a timely manner for any federal and state  
2 33 student financial assistance available to the student to  
2 34 attend a community college, an institution of higher learning  
2 35 under the control of the state board of regents, or an  
3 1 accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9.  
3 2 f. Files a new application, and parents' confidential  
3 3 statement, as applicable, annually on the basis of which the  
3 4 applicant's eligibility for a renewed scholarship will be  
3 5 evaluated and determined.

3 6 2. FUND ESTABLISHED. A twenty-first century Iowa scholars  
3 7 fund is created in the state treasury as a separate fund under  
3 8 the control of the commission. All moneys deposited or paid  
3 9 into the fund are appropriated and made available to the  
3 10 college student aid commission to be used for scholarships for  
3 11 students meeting all of the requirements of this section,  
3 12 including meeting the requirements agreed to in subsection 1,  
3 13 paragraph "b". The commission shall deposit refunds paid to  
3 14 the commission in accordance with subsection 3 into the  
3 15 twenty-first century Iowa scholars fund. Notwithstanding  
3 16 section 8.33, any balance in the fund on June 30 of each  
3 17 fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state,  
3 18 but shall be available for the purposes of this section in  
3 19 subsequent fiscal years. Scholarships awarded pursuant to  
3 20 this section shall not exceed the resident tuition rate and  
3 21 mandatory fees for the program of enrollment established for  
3 22 institutions of higher learning under the control of the state  
3 23 board of regents.

3 24 3. DISCONTINUATION OF ATTENDANCE == REMITTANCE. If the  
3 25 commission finds that a student receiving a scholarship under  
3 26 the program discontinues attendance before the end of any  
3 27 academic period or has violated the agreement signed pursuant  
3 28 to subsection 1, but the discontinuance or violation of the  
3 29 agreement occurs after scholarship moneys have been paid for  
3 30 the academic period, the entire amount of any refund due the  
3 31 student, up to the amount of any payments made by the state,  
3 32 shall be remitted by the postsecondary institution to the  
3 33 commission.

3 34 4. EXTENT OF SCHOLARSHIP. A qualified resident student in  
3 35 good standing at a community college, an institution of higher  
4 1 learning under the control of the state board of regents, or  
4 2 an accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9  
4 3 may receive scholarships for not more than eight semesters of  
4 4 undergraduate study or the trimester or quarter equivalent if  
4 5 attending the institution on a full-time basis, or for not  
4 6 more than sixteen semesters of undergraduate study or the  
4 7 trimester or quarter equivalent if attending on a part-time  
4 8 basis. A qualified resident student may defer acceptance of  
4 9 scholarships awarded under this section for up to two years  
4 10 following the student's graduation from high school in order  
4 11 that the student may pursue military or other obligations.

4 12 5. MENTORING PROGRAMS OFFERED BY INSTITUTIONS. Each  
4 13 community college, institution of higher learning under the  
4 14 control of the state board of regents, or accredited private  
4 15 institution which enrolls a student receiving a scholarship in  
4 16 accordance with this section shall develop a specific  
4 17 mentoring program to assist the scholarship recipients through  
4 18 particularized academic and social counseling.

#### 4 19 EXPLANATION

4 20 This bill creates a twenty-first century Iowa scholars  
4 21 program and fund to be administered by the college student aid  
4 22 commission to provide scholarships to pay the postsecondary  
4 23 costs of tuition and mandatory fees for Iowa students who are  
4 24 eligible for free or reduced price meals or are receiving  
4 25 foster care who agree, in writing, in grade seven or eight, to

4 26 graduate with a 2.0 point or better grade point average, to  
4 27 refrain from illegal drug use, committing delinquent acts,  
4 28 driving while intoxicated, tobacco use, and truancy. The bill  
4 29 also requires the commission to conduct a study of the program  
4 30 and to submit its plan, findings, recommendations, and a  
4 31 fiscal analysis of the plan to the senate and house of  
4 32 representatives standing committees on education not later  
4 33 than December 15, 2006.

4 34 To establish eligibility, students must establish financial  
4 35 need, meet all program eligibility requirements including  
5 1 those agreed to in grade seven or eight, and apply for and be  
5 2 accepted by an accredited postsecondary institution in Iowa.

5 3 A qualified resident student in good standing at an  
5 4 accredited postsecondary institution may receive scholarships  
5 5 for not more than eight semesters of undergraduate study or  
5 6 the trimester or quarter equivalent if attending the  
5 7 institution on a full-time basis, or for not more than 16  
5 8 semesters or the trimester or quarter equivalent if attending  
5 9 on a part-time basis. The student must annually file a new  
5 10 application for review and evaluation of continued  
5 11 eligibility. The student may also defer participation in the  
5 12 scholarship program for up to two years in order to pursue  
5 13 military or other obligations.

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5 15 scholarship must develop a specific mentoring program to  
5 16 assist the scholarship recipients through particularized  
5 17 academic and social counseling.

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5 19 the state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the  
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5 21 appropriated and made available to the college student aid  
5 22 commission to be used for scholarships as provided in this  
5 23 section.

5 24 The plan the commission is charged with developing must  
5 25 provide for a web page, special scholar publication, a toll=  
5 26 free telephone number, and the placement and utilization of up  
5 27 to 15 regional program support sites. The sites must provide  
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